

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:
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For: DATA STORAGE DRIVE AND METHOD EMPLOYING DATA COMPRESSION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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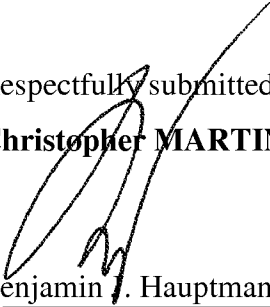
In response to the Office Action of September 21, 2007, the Applicant acknowledges the objection to the disclosure, wherein the Examiner asserts that the disclosure fails to provide antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. This objection is respectfully traversed. Applicant holds in abeyance the specific reasons for this traversal, pending the allowance of any of the claims upon which this rejection is based.

The PTO further rejects claims 22-27 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,069,763 to Aoki in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art ("AAPA"). The PTO further rejects claims 22-27 and 29 as being obvious over a first AAPA embodiment represented in Fig. 4 ("AAPA4"), in view of a second AAPA embodiment represented in Figs. 2 and 3 ("AAPA23"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections based upon the Notice of Appeal and the Pre-Appeal Brief Conference Request filed herewith.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 08-2025 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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